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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of MAX ABECASSIS

Serial No.: 08/988,172 ✓
Filed: 12/10/1997 ✓
Titled: VARIABLE CONTENT VIDEO PROGRAM ✓
Art Unit: 2712 ✓

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 65-69, 71-76, and 78-82; and amend the remaining claims 63, 64, 70, and 77, without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter, as follows:

-- 63. (Amended) A video system comprising:

preferencing means for preestablishing content preferences [responsive to] for a level of explicitness in each of a [set] plurality of content categories, the preestablishing being responsive to password control and permitting the application of the content preferences in a playing of a [variety] plurality of videos, the content preferences being responsive to an individualized permission established specifically for each of said plurality of content categories;

selecting means for selecting segments of a video, the selecting resulting from the application of the preestablished content preferences to segment information directly defining at least one segment of the video, the defining being responsive to a level of explicitness in at least one of [the] said plurality of content categories; and

random access and buffering means for playing, from within the video, without requiring an alternate source of video, and by editing-out at least one segment of the video, the selected segments as an edited [continuous version of the video] seamless version of the video less in length than the length of the video.